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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Request to Make a Public Appearance

1. I request approval to appear as a participant in a panel on "Regional Problems in the USSR" at the Conference on Slavic and East European Studies to be held in Atlanta, Georgia 8-11 October. The Conference is sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. I have been asked to present a paper discussing "Soviet Dependence on Siberian Resource Development." A copy of the paper, which is not yet written, will be submitted for review in September. It will be relatively short, deliverable in 20-30 minutes, and may subsequently be published in a volume of proceedings of the Conference. This latter point has yet to be decided. The paper will be based on unclassified source materials, but will, however, probably be about the same as the summary and conclusions of a longer paper (probably also unclassified) that we hope to prepare in the Resources Branch this summer for dissemination as an Agency report.

2. The request came about as follows. In December, Vladimir G. Treml, Professor of Economics at Duke University, [redacted] asked [redacted] Deputy Chief, USSR/Eastern Europe Division, to suggest possible topics and participants for the Conference. (There was precedent for this request as [redacted] OER, gave a paper at a similar conference a year or two ago.) [redacted] suggested several possible topics and participants. As a result, I was subsequently contacted by [redacted] who told me that Dr. George W. Hoffman, Professor of Geography, University of Texas, wanted to talk to me about the Conference. [redacted]

[redacted] I called Professor Hoffman, who said that he was charged with putting together and Chairing the panel on "Regional Problems in the USSR." He wanted to know if I would do a paper on Siberian resources. There are to be three

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regional papers, followed by some panel discussion of regional problems in the USSR.

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I tentatively agreed, but pointed out that I would have to obtain prior approval of the paper from our Security people. Dr. Hoffman, [REDACTED] appreciated this fact. At the end of March, I received a notice of the Conference (Attachment A). October seemed a long time away. I was busy with other things and believed that Security clearance of the paper could wait until after it was written. The fact that I have been somewhat remiss in the administrative side of this matter was brought home to me last week when [REDACTED] an OER colleague, commented that he had received a preliminary program for the Conference, and that he noted I was scheduled to give a talk. (For pertinent portions of that program, see Attachment B.)

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4. Clearly I will be identified as an Agency employee. Having been an overt employee for most of the past 24 years, there is no other plausible explanation for my study of Soviet resource problems, or for being asked to give the talk. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Identification with the Agency does not cause me any concern. If, as a matter of policy, it causes the Agency concern, I should withdraw from the program immediately, because preparations for the Conference are so far advanced that withdrawal at this point would already be somewhat awkward.

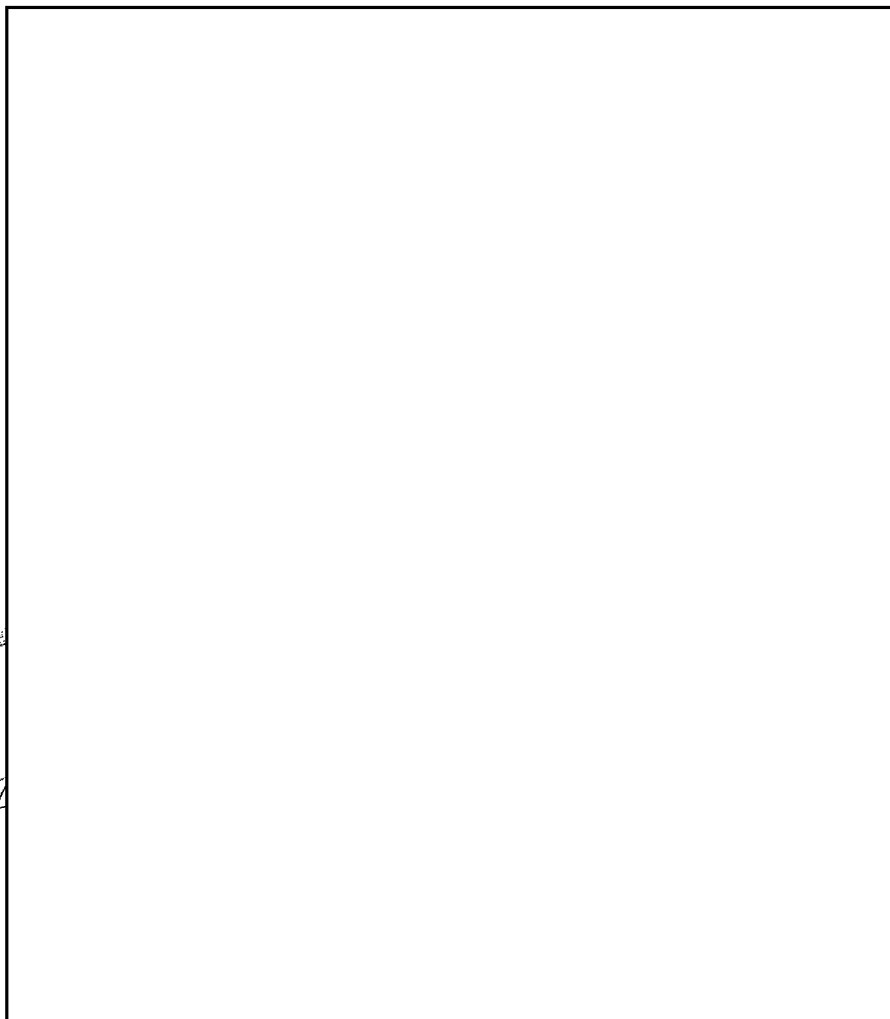
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[REDACTED]  
USSR/Eastern Europe Division  
Office of Economic Research

Attachments:  
As stated.

I will review the article entitled "Soviet Dependence on Siberian Resource Development" to ensure that it does not contain classified or controlled information or information available only from such sources. Although clearly related to work done by the author for the Agency, it need not contain information available to him due solely to his employment with the Agency. There will be no need for it to reveal in any direct or indirect manner programs, sources, or methodologies unique or peculiar to intelligence production or operations. Identification of the author as a CIA employee should not adversely affect or reflect unfavorably on the Agency.

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